

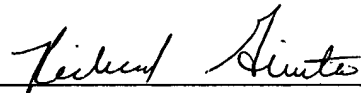
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-56 are currently pending in the application, with claims 40-56 being withdrawn from consideration. Via this amendment, claims 40-56 are canceled herein.

In response to the final Office Action of April 19, 2004, Applicant is filing herewith a Notice of Appeal of the rejected and objected to claims. This Amendment is being filed to simply cancel the withdrawn claims to remove them from the application prior to the Appeal. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the foregoing, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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